

**Testimony Regarding Support for HB 5283 & SB 229 and
School Construction Funds for Public Charter Schools
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Greeting everyone, I'm Alyssa Goodman. Im representing the Bridge Academy that is in Bridgeport Connecticut Which is the town i was born and raised in.

It's not where you're from, it's where you stand, and I'm gonna be standing for the people of Connecticut- Ned Lamont, 2018.

Lamont i have a question for you... why aren't you sticking up to your word? "Im gonna be standing for the people of connecticut" well anyways 2.5 billion dollars held back and at least 713 million dollars that can help charter school rise up and fix their issues. Why wouldn't you help charter schools in the state . Why is the money being held back for a "rainy day check" when schools actually need it. The struggles schools face with lack of quality education, lack of equipment and lack of resources. Why does schools have broken down old ceilings. Restroom malfunctions and teachers having to put there own money into helping fix the school and also supplying the children. This money that is being held back can fix so much and make the community's look better. It's insane how politics promises us the future but belittles us. Betrays their own word. Do you guys really care about the future of these schools? From broken ceilings to dented floors. Out of date chromebooks, old desks and unhealthy processed food.. My school struggles. How come the middle school has school buses and in high school public transportation. And although that may be good in some ways like staying after school, its also highly unsafe. I feel unsafe in my school sometimes because sometimes you can just walk in the school and there is no security guards. If the money was supposed to be used for students in connecticut why isn't it being used and changed your minds. Just taking away from the students. We truly need funding to help my school strive.

(Quote from Connecticut charter schools association paper) "for far too young long Connecticut children have been told that there is simply not enough money to address the alarming economic and racial disparities that plague their education."

Best,
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